

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

1-20 (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A method of threading a fiber web tail movable in a machine direction, comprising the steps of:

positioning a threading arm assembly in association with a rope nip, said threading arm assembly including a frame and a diverter carried by and movable relative to said frame;

5 diverting the tail using said threading arm assembly in a direction transverse to the machine direction toward said rope nip;

aligning the tail with said rope nip using said threading arm assembly; and

threading the diverted fiber web tail into said rope nip.

22. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein said diverter includes a plurality of air holes, and said diverting step is carried out using air from said air holes.

23. (currently amended) The A method of ~~claim 21~~ threading a fiber web tail movable in
a
machine direction, comprising the steps of:

positioning a threading arm assembly in association with a rope nip, said threading arm
5 assembly including a frame and a diverter carried by and movable relative to said frame;

diverting the tail using said threading arm assembly in a direction transverse to the
machine direction toward said rope nip, wherein said diverter comprises a pivot arm pivotally
coupled with said frame, and said diverting step is carried out by pivoting said diverter; and

threading the diverted fiber web tail into said rope nip.